

AN AIRGUN FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY - DON'T SHOOT ANYBODY!

I'LL SHOOT THE COOK VERY GENTLY!

CLARENCE

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The Cook Has Not a Scientific Mind.



CLARENCE, THIS IS JASPER'S BIRTHDAY - YOU MUST BRING HIM SOMETHING TONIGHT

WHY, SURE! SPOSE I GET HIM A HORN OR A DRUM - SOMETHING A KID WOULD ENJOY?



GOOD HEAVENS NO! NOTHING LIKE THAT! WE CAN'T HAVE A LOT OF NOISE

SMATTER? I GUESS WE CAN STAND A LITTLE NOISE FOR THE SAKE OF THE BOY?



WE CAN STAND IT, BUT HOW ABOUT THE COOK? YOU KNOW HOW TEMPERAMENTAL SHE IS!

GOSH YES!



SH-H-H

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SHE'S SO TOUCHY! MARGARET WOULD THINK WE JUST DID IT TO BOTHER HER AND SHE'D UP AND QUIT!

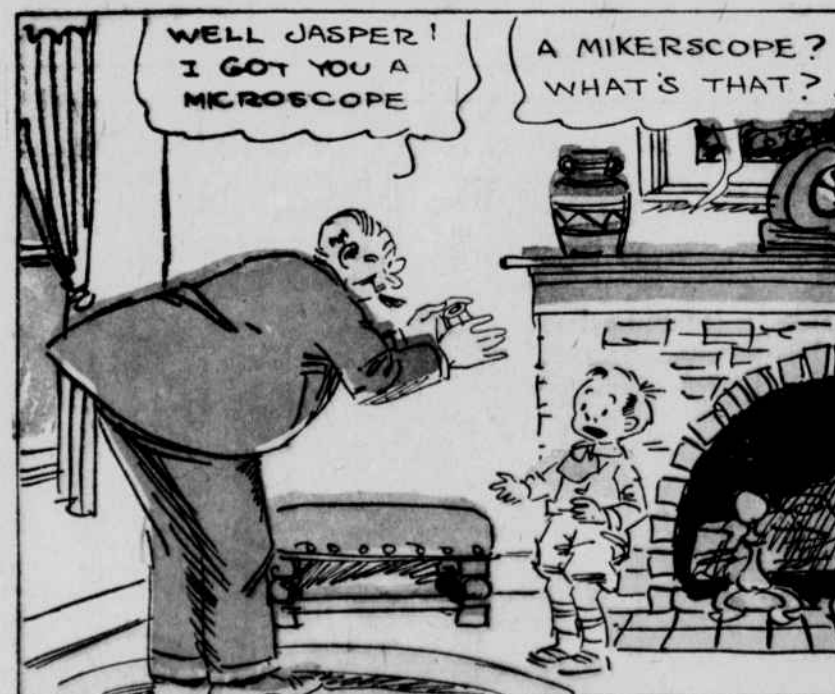
YEAH! I'LL GET SOMETHING SENSIBLE



THAT NIGHT

WELL, I GOT HIM A MICROSCOPE HE CAN HAVE FUN WITH IT AND STILL IT'LL GIVE HIM A SCIENTIFIC TURN OF MIND

WELL, AT LEAST HE CAN'T BOTHER THE COOK WITH THAT!

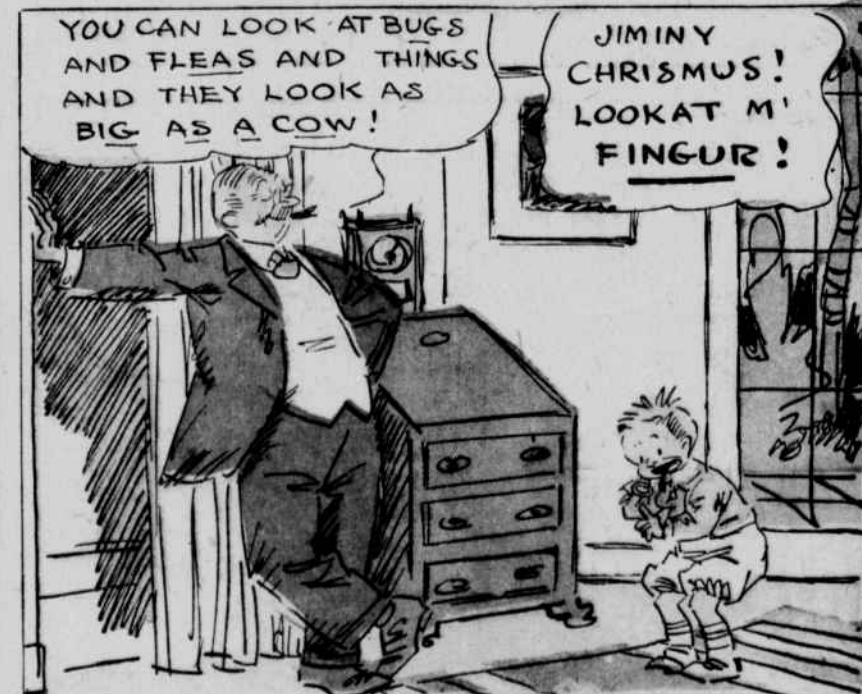


WELL JASPER! I GOT YOU A MICROSCOPE

A MIKERSCOPE? WHAT'S THAT?



IT'S A GLASS THAT MAKES THINGS LOOK AWFULLY BIG - YOU CAN HAVE A LOT OF FUN!



YOU CAN LOOK AT BUGS AND FLEAS AND THINGS AND THEY LOOK AS BIG AS A COW!

JIMINY CHRISTMUS! LOOK AT M' FINGER!



GOLLY, KIDS ARE SIMPLE, EH?

WELL, I'D LIKE TO SEE HIM PESTER MAGGIE WITH THAT!



SAY, MAR'GRET LEND ME A FLEA, WILL YOU?



I QUIT!! I'LL NOT STAY HERE T' BE INSULTED!

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